OFFICIAL DPT.

## RECEIVED OENTRAL FAX CENTER

AUG 0 5 2004 PTO/S:B/21 (08-03)

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, r	U.S. to persons are required to respond to a co	Patent and Trademark Office.	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF 12 t displays a yelld OMB co 1	OMMEDCE
	Application Number	09/479,302		
TRANSMITTAL	Filing Date	January 6, 2	January 6, 2000	
FORM	First Named Inventor		Susan C. Koster et al.	
(to be used for all correspondence after initial fill	ng) Art Unit	1764		
·	Examiner Name	Walter D. Gr		
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	5 Attorney Docket Number	105100		
	ENCLOSURES (Check all	that apply)		
Fee Transmittal Form	Drawing(s)		Allowance communicati chnology Center (TC)	on
Fee Attached	Licensing-related Papers		al Communication to Eq peals and Interferences	
Amendment/Repty	Petition		al Communication to TC al Notice, Brief, Reply Bri	
After Final	Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application		ietary Information	
Affidavits/declaration(s)	Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence		s Letter	
Extension of Time Request	Terminal Disclaimer		Enclosure(s) (please fy below);	
Express Abandonment Request	Request for Refund			
Information Disclosure Statement	CD, Number of CD(s)			
Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	Remarks	_		
Response to Missing Parts/				
Incomplete Application				
Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53			•	
		•		
	URE OF APPLICANT, ATTO	RNEY, OR AGENT		
Firm or Individual name Thomas K. McBri	de, Jr. (Reg. No. 51,015	)		
Signature Showar K. Wirida	· l ·		-	
Date August 5, 2004				
ÇE	RTIFICATE OF TRANSMISS	ION/MAILING		$\overline{}$
I hereby certify that this correspondence is be sufficient postage as first class mail in an envi the date shown below.	ing facsimile transmitted to the USPT elope addressed to: Commissioner fo	O or deposited with the Ur Patents, P.O. Box 1450,	nited States Postal Serv Alexandria, VA 22313	rice with 1450 on
Typed or printed name Geralyn M.	McFadden			
	M. McJalden		Date August 5, 2	2004

This collection of information is required by 37-CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the uSPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TC THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

"Official"

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION  I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on the date indicated below in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents; P.O. Box 1450; Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the Commissioner for Patents.					
Signature	Geralyn M. Mc Folden	Date	August 5, 2004		

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.

09/479,302

RECEIVED Confirmation No. 2882 CENTRAL FAX CENTER

**Applicant** 

Koster et al.

Filed TC/A.U. January 6, 2000

AUG 0 5 2004

Examiner

1764

Walter D. Griffin

Docket No. 105100 Customer No.

23490

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## **AMENDMENT "A"**

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of May 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments are on page 4 of this paper.